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April 11, 2002

Mr. Robert A. McGuire  
Acting, Associate Administrator for  
Hazardous Material Safety  
Research & special Programs Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Attn: Exemptions, DHM-31

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Albemarle Corporation requests an administrative change of DOT-E 12124 (Fifth Revision) which will expire on September 30, 2002. This request is made in accordance with 49 CFR 107.113.

1. Exemption to be Modified

DOT-E 12124 is an exemption from parts of 49 CFR 173.242 in that a non-DOT specification portable tank is authorized; § 178.245-1(c) in that all openings are not grouped in one location; and § 178.245-1(d)(4) in that the tank is not in a full framework for containerization and to allow a bottom discharge opening with no internal stop-valve.

2. Applicant

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3. Modification Requested

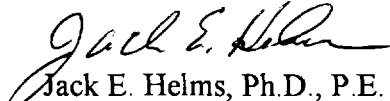
We request that paragraph 7.a. be revised in two places where it refers to an "eductor and block valves". The reference should be revised to say "bottom discharge fitted with a block valve that may have an eductor fitted to the inlet side of the valve". The reference to the tank drawing should be revised to additionally include drawing 9699-1 Revised). This modification does not affect the safety of the tanks authorized in that in either case it is the block valve that is mounted to the outlet of the cone. On this basis, we request that this be treated as an administrative change to the exemption.

4. Certification

We certify that the descriptions, technical information and safety assessments submitted with the original application, and subsequent corrections remain accurate and correct. This exemption continues to provide a level of safety consistent with the public interest in adequately protecting against risks to life and property during transportation.

If any opposition is registered, we request copies of such filings subject to your fee schedule. If such filings are made, we request the opportunity of an informal discussion with your staff.

Yours very truly,

  
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